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HONGKONG, JULY 27TH, 1893.

MR. FRANCIS PARRY, who was a member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong in 1870-73, at the time that the firm of BIRLEY & CO., writes to the Times advocating that the Kwangtung Government should be brought over to the Kowloon-Canton railway scheme by the allotment of a number of shares. The favour of Li Hung-chang to the French and Belgian projects was, he says, "not gained by pressure, rather by the conciliatory method of inducements held out—system of lending, not driving, making it worth while to put forward the propositions of the iron-masters, and enabling him to enlist the services of other Chinese officials. The mandarin of high degree, when asked to promote an idea likely to be lucrative, says now, as would a Congress man, 'Where am I in it?' The days of patriotic opposition being past, the seductive dollar is more potent than the sword in China. Shortly, proposed line of route will be traced out from Kowloon, and in projecting them what irregularity would there be in offering shares to the local Government of Kwangtung, if done openly?" Certainly there would be no irregularity in such an arrangement, but, as shown by Mr. PARRY in the earlier part of the above extract, what the mandarin wants is not shares for the Government, but a secret commission for himself, and a very handsome one too. Shares given openly to the Government would not benefit the mandarin individually and consequently would not exercise the power of the "seductive dollar," which has recently been so able and unscrupulously used in certain quarters in the North. Great Britain by declining to resort to such devious methods in her diplomatic contests has had to face difficulties that have been conveniently smoothed away for others; whether in the long run honesty will prove to have been the best policy remains to be seen. As regards the Canton and Kowloon Railway project, however, though bribery might possibly make the negotiations run more smoothly, we believe the end can be very well attained without it, the Imperial Government having recognised the expediency of the scheme, which we think will be found mentioned in some form or other in the recently signed Kowloon Convention, when that document, at present so strictly guarded from official inspection, comes to be published. When the scheme is fairly launched the Kwangtung Government may want a protracted share in the line, which would not be unreasonable if the terms were equitable. There is a wide difference, however, between making terms with the Government and giving kickbacks to individual mandarins, and it is rather surprising to find Mr. PARRY confusing the two things.

THE Madrid *Espresso* publishes a long article in support of the view lately expressed by Señor ROMERO RONTEIRO in the Chamber, that when the moment for making peace arrives Spain ought to make proposals to the United States directly and avoid using the good offices of the neutral Powers, who would make her pay dearly for any services rendered. Possibly Señor ROMERO ROMERO and the *Espresso* have taken note of the heavy price China has had to pay for the so-called good offices of certain of the Powers in the settlement of terms with Japan after the war with that country. The intervening Powers, in the improbable event of their succeeding in depriving the United States of the fruits of victory, would in the long run probably present to Spain a far bigger bill for the consideration due to themselves for their good offices. Spain will undoubtedly be able to make better terms for herself by dealing direct with the United States, and the sooner she opens negotiations the better will it be for her own interests.

During the week ended the 23rd July there were two cases of plague and two deaths from the disease.

The *Macao Independente* announces that Captain Veneculus de Mores, Assistant Harbour Master of Macao, has been appointed Consul for Portugal at Osaka.

The *Streets* (Times of the 20th July) says—The new machinery for the Kuan mines, or a large part of it, has been sent up to Kiang in four tongkangs.

It is stated that telegraphic information has been received at Tokyo to the effect that in the Bill for the annexation of Hawaii adopted by Congress, it was agreed to make Hawaii a territory.

Mr. Nottmeyer and a party of eight gentlemen, deputed by the German Government, are passengers by the N. D. I. steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, en route for Kiaochau to prospect for coal.

The Japanese first-class cruiser *Takasago*, which was recently built for the Japanese Government, at Newcastle, arrived at Colombo on the 7th July in command of Captain Uchida, and was to leave on the 13th.

The *Edgar*, cruiser, Capt. R. C. Sparkes was paid off at Drydock on Saturday, 25th June, from transport service and the relieved crew, which she took home from the China Station, went on seven weeks' leave.

Weather permitting the postponed Polo Tournament will be commenced on the 6th July. Members of the Hongkong Polo Club will be home to their friends on the ground.

A Tokyo press despatch of the 14th July, translated by the *Koko Chiributo*, reads—Notification No. 12 of the Foreign Department announces that an intimation has been received from the Spanish Minister in Tokyo, to the effect that the Spanish Government has removed the sulphur from the list of articles which it will regard as contraband of war.

In the *Times* map of the Kowloon extension, a reprint of which was published as a supplement to the *Hongkong Daily Press* yesterday, the northern boundary is indicated by a straight line. According to the *London and China Express*, however, the line after passing through the centre of Deep Bay follows the Shing River, and then turns and runs north, and were found, two ss. six ss. 100, three ss. 18, eight ss. 25, and eight ss. 50, respectively.

For feloniously breaking and entering a house, No. 58, Lower Lascar Row, and stealing therefrom a picture valued at \$1, the property of one Ching, a native of Fu, a Chinese was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

A Chinese was convicted of infringing upon the privileges of the Postmaster: General by conveying letters from Hongkong to Canton and back, instead of mailing same at the Post Office. Accused was ordered to pay a fine of \$10, or undergo one month's hard labour.

Another Chinaman entered a house and opened a box in one of the rooms, appropriated two pairs of trousers, one jacket, and a purse containing \$280 in money. Accused admitted the theft of clothing, but stated he was unaware the purse was amongst his property.

Two Chinese giving their names as Un and Wong Ming, were indicted by an interpreter but denied it when asked if they were natives. The charge was house keeper at West Point.

These men (one of the offenders is still at large) went to complainant and, representing themselves as police constables told him that for every man he sent abroad out of his house he must pay them \$2, so they would stop his boarders from leaving the colony. This happened on the 21st June, and the day after, the accused complained to complainant that the two police constables were not constables at all, but merely runners for contractors. Shortly after this two of his boarders were sent by him to go aboard the steamer *Catherine Anne* bound for Singapore. They were waylaid by defendants and lost in the struggle a pillow box and a bunch of documents.

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The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, this being but a formal meeting we will not detain you very many minutes. The meeting, as you are aware, has been called to meet the requirements of the Company's Ordinance of 1865 to receive from the Liquidator a statement as to the value of the assets of the Company, and to receive a statement of the expenses of the Company which may be required.

The Liquidator read the notice convening the meeting.

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I shall now ask the Liquidator to favour us with his report and as full a statement as he can with regard to the disposition of the Company's property.

The Liquidator said—Gentlemen, in accordance with the notices published in the *Government Gazette* and in the daily papers, you have been called here to-day for the purpose of having an account laid before you of the assets of the Company, which the winding up of the old Pumpon Mining Company has been conducted. But as in your hands are the books, accounts and documents of the old company, I do not think that it is necessary to further encroach on your valuable time in reading them now, so will you permit me to read from the *Times* of the 15th June last. Complainant's name was called and corroborated his statement, adding that when he had sent abroad the before-named ship had got into trouble, she went to the police station to complain, but was prevented from entering the station. Inspector McDonald who was in charge of the station knew nothing of the matter. 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